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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA--THE MILITARY SITUATION

Khmer Communist units and a Cambodian Army relief column remained deadlocked just east of Oudong on March 25. The encircled government garrison nearby continued to be hit by steady Communist shellings but was resupplied by air yesterday. Closer to Phnom Penh, government units are moving into position for an effort to retake positions ten miles southwest of the capital that were overrun by the Communists over the weekend. Military activity at Kampot City was limited to inconclusive ground probes and shellings.

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Military activity again dropped to a generally low level following the weekend increase. There are reports of new clashes northeast of Kontum City against the Rangers who were under heavy attacks a week ago. To the south, in Darlac Province, two government regiments that have been conducting interdiction operations since the end of January have withdrawn to rest and refit. The operation was only moderately successful. Although the South Vietnamese daily positioned artillery to cut the main north-south road, they withdrew at night when most of the convoys moved. Government units did force the Communists construct additional spurs and bypasses toward the Cambodian border, but well implaced North Vietnamese air defense units in the area greatly restricted aerial reconnaissance, denying the government forces badly needed. (cont')

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